

## MEETING 22– April 28

At a Continued Meeting & Public Hearing of the Madison County Board of Supervisors on April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Madison County Administration Center Auditorium located at 414 N. Main Street:

PRESENT: R. Clay Jackson, Vice-Chair  
Jonathon Weakley, Member  
Robert W. Campbell, Member  
Kevin McGhee, Member  
V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney  
Ernest C. Hoch, County Administrator

ABSENT: Doris G. Lackey, Chair

### **Agenda:** **Call to Order**

### **Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**

### **Determine Presence of a Quorum**

Supervisor Jackson called the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Lackey and advised that a quorum was present.

### **1. Adopt Agenda**

Suggested amendments to today's Agenda included the following:

- a) Move Item #12 (Ordinance ID#2015-3) to Item #2
- b) Add two (2) items to "Information/Correspondence" (1. Plow & Hearth; 2. Power line [Dominion Power & First Energy]
- c) Delete "Closed Session"
- d) Change Item #11 to "Public Comment"

Supervisor Weakley moved to adopt today's Agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor McGhee. *Ayes: Jackson, Weakley, Campbell, McGhee. Absent: Lackey. Nays: (0).*

### **2. Public Hearing**

#### **i. Ordinance To Fix Tax Rates in Madison County for the Tax Year Beginning January 1, 2015 [Ordinance ID#2015-3]**

The County Administrator provided a brief overview of the proposed tax rates for FY2015; these rates have been advertised in the local newspaper for the past two (2) consecutive weeks with no changes noted in the current rates (i.e. real estate, machinery/tools, merchants' capital, etc.) with the exception of there being an equalized rate for the value of vehicles, as implemented by the Commissioner of the Revenue. It was also noted that language has been added to the proposed Ordinance (ID#2015-3) to denote that *'person or entities with no physical place of business in Madison County will not be taxed on the value of inventory owned by them and stored in a company that specializes in product fulfillment services on behalf of the product owner'* – this allowance will have no effect on the County's level of tax income and is only being included for clarification purposes.

Concerns from the Board:

- Supervisor Campbell: Questioned whether the proposed tax rate will affect the transient occupancy rate and the personal property located within rental dwellings (i.e. cabins, homes, etc.)

To which the County Administrator noted there has been no change in the process by which personal effects in rental properties have been handled by the Commissioner's Office.

Supervisor Jackson opened the floor for public comment on Ordinance ID#2015-3.

The following citizen(s) provided comment:

Kim Smith (Brightwood) [Concerns about the absence of estimated revenue, expenditures, performance metrics and employee job descriptions, etc. in the FY2016 budget; inability to attain a copy of the FY2016 budget]

With no further comments coming forth, Supervisor Jackson closed the floor for public comment.

Concerns from the Board:

- Supervisor Campbell: Dissatisfied with the overall budgetary process and the citizen's inability to attain a copy of the proposed budget document

The County Administrator advised the Board will need to approve the proposed FY2016 budget before the FY2015 tax rates can be established and adopted.

*ii. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016 Budget*

Supervisor McGhee moved the Board accept the FY2016 budget as presented in Resolution #2015-6 (totaling \$38,733,414.00), seconded by Supervisor Weakley.

Comments from the Board:

- Supervisor Campbell: Opposed to the proposed FY2016 budget; not in favor of raises and increases in health contributions
- Supervisor Jackson: Feels the proposed FY2016 budget is fair and does provide raises for employees which hasn't been provided in quite some time; disagrees with requests to cut in the area of employee benefits (i.e. VRS, healthcare)

*Ayes: Jackson, Weakley, McGhee. Nays: Campbell. Absent: Lackey.*

**2. Constitutional Officers -None**

**3. Independent Committees/Organizations - None**

**4. County Departments – None**

**5. Committee Reports – None**

**6. Financial Reports**

- i. General Operations (Fund 10) – General Fund FY2015 – March*
- ii. Certificate of Claims (Fund 11) – Tourism Enhancement FY2015 – March*
- iii. Certificate of Claims (Fund 40) – Debt Service FY2015 – March*
- iv. Certificate of Claims (Fund 30) – Capital Improvements FY2015 March*

Supervisor Campbell verbalized concerns regarding:

- Supplementals and revenue vs. expenditures for the PRA
- Claims for Fund 30 (CIP)
- Balance on the roof project, visitor's center and storage building

The County Administrator provided input concerning revenue received by the PRA (i.e. enrollment fees). It was further noted that the funding for the PRA has completely balanced for the past three (3) years and consists mainly of sports fees, rollover funding and donations.

The County Administrator also noted that supplements for the month of March will be provided to the Board just prior to the May Regular Meeting once they have been closed out.

The County Administrator provided updates on the following:

- a. Roof Project: There have been no change-orders for the project; the project did have four (4) additional charges to the original scope of the bid (i.e. add-ons); requisition due April 30<sup>th</sup> totaling \$34,000.00 (will be noted in the next set of supplemental requests); remaining balance will be about \$8,000.00 for the project; members will be provided with a final breakdown of all vouchers/payments through April 30<sup>th</sup>.*
- b. Chamber (Visitor's Center): Work on the center is almost complete; funding for the work was designated from the TOT fund as a part of the economic development agreement (done in December 2014); total cost for the work is \$19,000.00 with no anticipated changes.*
- c. Storage Building: The Board approved the transfer of \$60,000.00 (from the capital fund) into Fund 10 line item specifically for the project; line item still has a remaining balance of about \$7,000.00 to date; no additional monies will be utilized from this fund for the project this year.*

A complete breakdown of the aforementioned projects was requested and will be provided to all members by the end of the week.

**7. Minutes:**

- a. #14 through #21*

**8. Discussion:**

**i. Madison County Fair Board – Waiver of Building/Zoning Fees:** The County Administrator advised the Board generally waives the request for the Madison County Fair Board; however, the Board recently took action to assess requests to waive fees on a 'case by case' basis. A copy of the application was provided for review.

Comments from the Board:

- Supervisor Campbell: Suggested the fees be waived for all entities

Supervisor Weakley moved the Board approve the application presented for a permit.

Supervisor Weakley amended the original motion to request the Board waive the fees (as requested by the Madison County Fair Board), seconded by Supervisor McGhee. *Ayes: Jackson, Weakley, Campbell, McGhee. Nays: (0). Absent: Lackey.*

**ii. Festival Permit – Graves’ Mountain Lodge:** The County Administrator noted the Board will need to act on the festival permit as presented by Graves’ Mountain Lodge, which is done annually.

Supervisor Weakley moved the Board approve the festival permit (as submitted by Graves’ Mountain Lodge), seconded by Supervisor McGhee. *Ayes: Jackson, Weakley, Campbell, McGhee. Nays: (0). Absent: Lackey.*

## 9. Good of the Order – None

### 10. Information/Correspondence

**i. Plow & Hearth:** The County Administrator advised that Plow & Hearth is in the process of undergoing an additional build-out; revised plans have been presented to the Building Department, are being reviewed, and can be approved without further action on the part of the Board or Planning Commission, but will be subject to additional building fees/reviews. It was also noted the overall addition will enhance the existing facility, but will be outside the original footprint that was recently approved. Plow & Hearth has advised they will have their application in place for the June Joint Meeting; funding from the Governor’s Office has been submitted for the economic opportunity involving the business.

**ii. Power line [Dominion Power & First Energy]:** The County Administrator advised of a letter received from a citizen’s group regarding Virginia statutes and how the proposed power line project correlates to the County’s current comprehensive plan. It was noted that representatives from Dominion Power have attended a recent public meeting and have offered to return should there be additional concerns. In closing, it was noted the County Attorney will discuss concerns with the citizen’s group. It was also noted that Supervisor Campbell would like to hold a public forum to discuss the power line issue at an upcoming Town Hall Meeting within two (2) weeks.

Additional comments focused on:

Supervisor Campbell: Upcoming town hall meeting (scheduled for Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.); noted that based on the opinion of the Attorney General, the aforementioned meeting is one that all supervisors can legally attend.

Supervisor Jackson: Feels the intent to discuss the power line issue (during a town hall meeting) will be a misrepresentation; representatives have scheduled two (2) previous meetings to provide citizen input; companies involved are conscientious of various guidelines that may be involved with the proposed project (i.e. pole guidelines, cemeteries, etc.), and are looking to work effectively with all communities that may be affected by the project.

Supervisor Weakley: Feels the letter presented (by Mr. Alexander) raises some good questions/concerns; feels the Board should be following the ideas noted that relay to the possibility of looking at utilizing a business route; suggested this issue be added to a future commission meeting for further discussion this matter.

The County Administrator advised that the Board can elect to add this topic to its portion of the joint meeting agenda; contact can also be made with the companies involved to request that a representative attend the upcoming meeting, should the Board so desire.

In closing, it was the consensus of the Board to request representatives attend the May Joint Meeting to provide further information on the proposed power line project, and to also request the citizens provide questions and/or suggestions on the matter.

The County Attorney referred to the:

- Virginia Code Section and how it relates to the comprehensive plan
- The Boards’ adopted bylaws/procedures

In closing, he suggested the power line issue be further discussed by the entire Board in a usual meeting format.

### 11. **Public Comment**

Supervisor Jackson opened the floor for public comment.

The following citizens provided comments:

- ✓ Mike Mosko (Suggested the power line be placed in an industrial area and not on private property)
- ✓ Charlie Thornton (One of the two (2) proposed routes will greatly affect his personal property; suggested the Board assess the long range implications the project may impose on the county overall (i.e. value/importance of future industrial development)
- ✓ Ross Goss (Proposed power line will be outside the rear of his property; concerned about property devaluation; urged the Board to consider the rural nature of the County and protect the citizens and private property)

With no further comments being brought forth, Supervisor Jackson closed the public comment opportunity.

#12 Public Hearing **[Moved to Item #2]**

Supervisor Jackson noted that today's meeting will need to be continued to May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The County Administrator advised the session on May 8<sup>th</sup> will involve a closed session to meet with the recruiter to review applicants for the County Administrator position and will not involve any action; the meeting will be posted to the website for public information.

### 13. Adjournment/Continue Meeting to May 8, 2015

With no further action being required by the Board, on motion of Supervisor McGhee, seconded by Supervisor Weakley, Supervisor Jackson continued the meeting to Friday, May 8, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. *Ayes: Jackson, Weakley, Campbell, McGhee. Nays: (0). Absent: Lackey.*

Doris G. Lackey, Chairman  
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board of Madison County Board Supervisors

Adopted on: June 9, 2015

Copies: Doris G. Lackey, R. Clay Jackson, Jonathon Weakley, Robert Campbell, Kevin, McGhee, V.R. Shackelford, III, & Constitutional Officers



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**Madison County Board of Supervisors**  
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#### Agenda Items

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11. **Public Comment**

*\*Item #12 moved to Item #2*

13. Adjournment

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